

REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled Claims 12-29 without prejudice. Claims 1-11 are now pending in this application.

In an Office Action dated March 9, 2007, restriction to one of the following inventions was requested under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Group I: Claims 1-11, drawn to a computer-implemented method for facilitating financial investment in a scholarship contract.

Group II: Claims 12-17, drawn to a computer implemented method for administering a financial product so that the financial product can be traded as a security, the price of which can be determined on the basis of information about a scholarship contract.

Group III: Claims 18-22, drawn to a method of facilitating financial investment in a scholarship contract.

Group IV: Claim 23, drawn to a computer implemented method for facilitating investment in a scholarship candidate.

Group V: Claims 24-28, drawn to a computer system/computer executable program code for facilitating a financial investment in one or more scholarship candidates.

Group VI: Claim 29, drawn to a computer-implemented method for facilitating financial investment in a scholarship contract.

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group I (Claims 1-11, drawn to a computer-implemented method for facilitating financial investment in a scholarship contract.).

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Applicants expressly reserve the right to the non-elected subject matter including the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications to that subject matter, as now embraced in non-elected Claims 12-29.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-11 are now pending and believed to be in proper form for allowance.

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